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Honorable Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 1991.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the captioned application in view of the remarks which follow is courteously requested.

The claims in the application are claims 1-39. Of these, claims 8-10 and 16-31 have been withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 1-7, 11-15 and 32-39 have been rejected.

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